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In re Application of:

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For: USE OF IL-12 ANTAGONISTS IN  
THE TREATMENT OF  
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated January 29, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 21-31 as follows:

21. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

22. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibody binds to a heterodimer comprised of a 40 kD subunit and an 35 kD subunit of IL-12.

23. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibody binds to a 40 kD subunit of IL-12.

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